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Per PK, please respond to his yahoo for now , this came from his earthlink.

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On Fri, Apr 17, 2020 at 12:07 PM Paul Koretz <pkat42@earthlink.net> wrote:

> HOW DO WE REOPEN?
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> 1. Strategies to reopen can't work—a flattened curve is not that impressive except at the peak crisis moment because it means the hospital system can work instead of being overrun. A start-up with a flattened curve

guarantees huge spikes in cases and deaths, until a completely effective vaccination is available.

2. The Newsom strategy is very dependent upon heavy testing and isolating new cases and their contacts. That will not be practical when there is ongoing spread anywhere near the volume we are seeing at present. It could work if we have all but eliminated case spread.
3. This cannot happen with our current level of protocols which are flattening the curve. We need two or three weeks where spread is virtually nil. I believe we do this by **identifying all the significant sources of spread and developing a strategy to greatly eliminate each**. Stay at Home, masks where they are currently required, social distancing but now what?
4.
5. Some examples

    A. Street prostitution is still happening. Such close contact and very risky behavior is a guaranteed source of spread. We know the areas where this is freely taking place. Announce a plan to arrest Johns to discourage the activity. Arrest the prostitutes, but put them into helpful programs. Especially help those being trafficked to get out.
    B. There is no doubt spread is happening on buses and to drivers. Be sure drivers have all serious equipment at all times. Have a second person at the mid-bus entrance making sure all riders have masks or can’t get on, and only as many may come on as can social distance. Require a squirt of hand sanitizer to enter. Have enough buses to serve all riders with distance. Test staff regularly.

    Also, other modes of transit need to be controlled. Travel may be down, but flights from other areas could undo all our efforts, especially from overseas. Should have the quick result tests for all overseas passengers (are these available?)Also true for trains from other states, especially those who have weak protocols.

C. Better nursing/senior facility protocols. Test employees regularly and make sure they always have adequate protection and use it at all times, with the quick result tests if available. Test residents regularly with the same kind of tests. Check temperatures of staff daily upon entering. Better social distancing practices for residents. Take residents temperatures regularly. Make sure staff take all precautions in their off time. Also, the same for all other group housing setting. Group homes for youth. Drug and alcohol rehab housing such as Bet T'shuvah. Sober living homes.

D. Spread is still likely on our sidewalks. Thousands and thousands of dogs are being walked. People are walking for exercise or just to get out. Many are not social distancing. An order articulated by the Mayor to social distance on the sidewalks and to wear masks WHENEVER outside the home would help a lot. His order to wear masks at all essential businesses raised the number of masks worn on the sidewalks too, but we still have a long way to go. Not much enforcement needed. As Andrew Cuomo said, this will be self-enforcing. People will ask others to follow the law.
E. Grocery stores—fines for violations. All customers and staff use masks, social distance with small number in stores at any time. But opportunity for spread—lengthy wait times in lines, has to be resolved. Lines over 15 minutes should be handled as we made Supreme sneaker store handle several-day-long lines—give folks in line a time and a number and have them come back.
F. First responder contacts—push them to use masks and other equipment more, and make sure it is available. I saw the funeral of what a believe was a Riverside Sheriffs Deputy from COVID-19—hundreds of officers standing shoulder to shoulder with no masks or other protection. Can almost guarantee spread in that circumstance. Officer probably don't wear masks at traffic stops, etc. Could do more. Possibly same for Fire, although they are probably further along.
G. Doctors/nurses/such at hospitals, urgent care, etc. Not enough wearing of all possible protective equipment, or testing.
H. Greater care at food processing plants in LA County – major area of spread across the country
I. Protocols and protective measures and equipment at dry cleaners
J. Tougher enforcement at construction sites. Hand cleaning measures, social distancing
K. Prisons

L. Better patrol and enforcement at parks. More basketball, etc. being played. At least one little league is practicing with parents attending, etc. These should be cited, not just warned.
M. ID any other frequent exposure areas and establish best practices.

6. Once the numbers are greatly reduced, it would be possible to slowly reopen with contact tracing available to halt spread when an occasional case surfaces. But LA City and County did this to halt the spread, but Orange County didn't, reinfection could happen in large numbers. Or in Fresno, or San Jose, or Barstow. Or Nevada, or Arizona. Reinfection would be possible, unless we can keep other areas from becoming hot spots and reinfecting Los Angeles.
7. The only way to do that is to get universal agreement on the same protocols adopted in as widespread ways as possible. Three states on the Coast is a good place to start. Adding Arizona and Nevada would be critical. Then beyond whatever the border of good protocols is, we would have to be able to keep folks out. No travel into CA and LA from areas without those controls. Figure out how to do that. Or work around President Trump and get all fifty states to agree to the same life-saving protocols. And the rest of the world, state by state, country by country.
8. If it turns out that antibodies can predict safety, try to put those with them into the most high contact jobs in the early days of the recovery.